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# Land Grant Application- Gray, William (Middleton)

William Gray

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Know all men by these presents  
That I Sally Hill of Northfield in  
the County of Merrimack & State of  
New Hampshire, have made, constituted  
and appointed and do by these presents  
make constitute & appoint, William  
Gray of Beverly in the County of  
Essex and Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts my Son, my true  
& lawfully Attorney for me in my  
name to ask and demand and do and  
perform all & every thing that is necessary  
to be done in order to obtain the  
bounty land that my late husband  
William Gray late of Middleton in  
the County of Essex & State of Massa-  
chusetts was entitled to in the State  
of Maine from Massachusetts  
by being a revolutionary Soldier  
in the Massachusetts line for  
me or my heirs or children of  
said Gray so far as I could do if  
I were present & to move a title or  
land warrant from the General  
land Office of Massachusetts or  
Maine & do all acts & things in the premises  
that I could do were I personally present  
I am Attorney under <sup>him</sup> for that purpose to  
appoint & revoke at his pleasure, hereby  
ratifying and confirming all that my  
said Attorney shall do or cause to be done  
in the premises. In Witness I have hereunto  
set my hand & seal this fourth day of January  
1839

signed, sealed & delivered  
in presence of  
Thomas Lyford Amos C. Hamaford

Sally Hill  
mark

State of New Hampshire  
Merrimack Co. January 4<sup>th</sup> 1893

Personally appearing the within named  
Sally Hill acknowledged the within  
power of Attorney by her subscribed  
to be her free act and deed before me

Thomas Lyford Justice of the Peace

Boston 15 Jan 7 1893 Received of George  
W. Coffin Land Agent of the Com<sup>rs</sup> of  
Massachusetts a deed of Two hundred acres  
of land for the heirs of William Gray a Soldier  
of the revolutionary war  
William Gray

Received of Coffin

Know all men by these presents  
That I Robert Gray of Northfeld in the  
County of Merrimack and State of New Hampshire  
have made, constituted, appointed and do hereby  
make, constitute & appoint, my brother William  
Gray of Beverly in the County of Essex &  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts my true and  
lawful Attorney for me in my name to ask  
demand & receive from the general land office  
in said Massachusetts the bounty land or  
a Warrant for the same, that my late  
Father William Gray late of Middleton in  
said County of Essex was & his heirs are entitled  
to by being a Soldier of the revolutionary  
war in the Massachusetts line of troops  
& to do all acts & things that are necessary to be  
done lawfully to obtain the same as full  
as I could do were I present, and Attorney  
or attorneys to appoint & revoke at his pleasure  
hereby ratifying & confirming all that my said  
Attorney shall lawfully do in the premises  
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
& seal this fourth day of January 1833—

Signed sealed & delivered

Robert Gray

in presence of  
Thomas Lyford

Amos C. Hanford

State of New Hampshire  
Merrimack ss January 4<sup>th</sup> 1833

Personally appearing Robert Gray acknowledges  
the above instrument to be his voluntary  
act & deed by him subscribed  
before me

Thomas Lyford

Justice of the Peace

I Sally Hill of Northfeld in the  
County of Merrimack and State of  
New Hampshire depose & say that my  
first husband William Gray late of  
Middletown in the County of Essex and  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts died  
in the year 1801 that I was legally  
married to him & had by him six children  
Viz William Gray, Robert Gray & Elizabeth  
Thompson wife of Alexander Thompson of Boston  
who are now living and Richard Gray, Samuel  
Gray & James Gray who died without leaving  
any heirs ~~before they arrived at twenty-one~~  
~~years of age~~. That my late husband William  
Gray & others told me that he was a Soldier  
of the revolutionary war & that in the  
Massachusetts line of troops & that he was  
entitled to bounty land in Ohio from the United  
States & in Maine from Massachusetts, that  
he had a written discharge when he came home  
from the army, that he sold his land in Ohio  
& let the man he sold to take his discharge  
that I have seen his discharge. I heard him  
say but a short time before his death he  
had not drawn his land in Maine but  
was entitled to it —

Sally

X Hill  
mark

State of New Hampshire  
Merrimack Co. January 4<sup>th</sup> 1833 —

Personally came the above named Sally Hill  
& made oath that the above affidavit by her  
submitted is just & true before me —

Thomas Lyford

Jus Peace



X Copy of a Deed to heirs  
of William Gray, a Soldier  
Lot N<sup>o</sup> 57. in Township  
N<sup>o</sup> 2. 7<sup>th</sup> Range. west of  
the Monument

Executed 15 Jan<sup>y</sup> 1872

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Remains in the hands of the

**Know all Men by these Presents, THAT**

*I whose name is undersigned* do hereby certify that I have been appointed an AGENT by the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to make and execute conveyances, agreeably to resolves of said Court passed *the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 1820*

and pursuant to resolves of said Court passed *the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 1828, 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 1829, & 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 1831*

do give, grant, convey and confirm, and by these presents, in behalf of said Commonwealth, have given, granted, conveyed and confirmed unto

*the heirs of William Gray deceased, formerly a private soldier in the 5<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts regiment, commanded by Colonel Putnam*

who enlisted as a Soldier into the American Army to serve during the revolutionary War with Great Britain, and who was returned as a part of the Massachusetts quota of said Army, and who did actually serve in said Army the full term of three years, and was honorably discharged, and to his heirs and assigns, all the right, title, and interest of said Commonwealth, in and unto a lot of land numbered *57*

situate and lying in a township, in the County of *Cumbria* in the State of Maine, *Numbered two in the seventh range of townships west of the east line of said State*

said lot contains two hundred acres, bounded *on the north by lot N<sup>o</sup> 53, on the east by lot N<sup>o</sup> 15, on the south by lot N<sup>o</sup> 56, and on the west by lot N<sup>o</sup> 69*

according to a plan of the survey of said township made by *Joseph L. Kelsey* in the *Autumn* of the year *eighteen hundred and thirty* and will more fully appear on reference being had to said plan now on file in the Land Office.

**To Have and to Hold** the aforegranted premises to the *heirs of said William Gray* — their heirs and assigns, to their use and behoof forever. In TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed my seal this *thirtieth* day of *January* in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and *thirty three*

Signed, Sealed and Delivered }  
in presence of }

*E. A. Snelling*  
*Joseph Foster*

*Geo. W. Clifton* *JD*

*Subscribed* ss *17 Jan 4 1873* Then the above named *George W. Clifton* appeared personally before me, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument by him subscribed, to be his free act and deed in his said capacity.

*Edward D. Strong* Justice of the Peace.